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Mary L. Cottrell
Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
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Re: NSTAR Gas Company – DTE 05-47

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and four copies of the Petition for Limited Participation Status of Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


James T. Finnigan

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Doreen F. Wrick
Cheryl M. Kimball, Esq.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

NSTAR Gas Company

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**PETITION FOR LIMITED PARTICIPANT STATUS
OF ALGONQUIN GAS TRANSMISSION, LLC**

Pursuant to the notice issued by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) on July 12, 2005, in the above-captioned docket, and pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.03, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (“Algonquin”) hereby petitions for leave to participate as a limited participant in this proceeding.

In support of this petition, Algonquin states as follows:

1. The exact legal name of Algonquin is Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC. Algonquin is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware with its principal place of business at 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310 and maintains a business office in Waltham, MA and is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation. Algonquin is a “natural-gas company” within the meaning of the Natural Gas Act (“NGA”), 15 U.S.C. § 717a, and Algonquin owns and operates an interstate natural gas pipeline system extending from points near Lambertville and Hanover, New Jersey, through the states of New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts to points near Boston, Massachusetts. Algonquin is subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

2. On June 30, 2005, NSTAR Gas Company (“NSTAR Gas”) filed a request in the above-captioned docket for approval to accept a release of long-term transportation capacity under an agreement (“Agreement”) with Dartmouth Power Associates Limited Partnership (“Dartmouth

Power”). Under the Agreement, Dartmouth Power will permanently release transportation capacity to NSTAR Gas on the natural gas pipeline owned and operated by Algonquin.

3. If approved by the Department, the permanent release would result in NSTAR acquiring contractual entitlements of 14,010 MMBtu per day on Algonquin. Therefore, Algonquin has a substantial interest in this proceeding, the interests of Algonquin will be directly affected by the outcome of this proceeding, and the interests of Algonquin cannot be represented adequately by any other party. Accordingly, Algonquin seeks to take part as a limited participant in this proceeding and, where appropriate, to file comments, attend and participate in technical conferences and hearings, submit briefs and otherwise participate in any other manner deemed appropriate for limited participants by the Hearing Officer. Algonquin submits that good cause exists to grant it leave to participate in this proceeding.

4. All correspondence concerning this petition and all subsequent communications regarding this proceeding should be directed to:

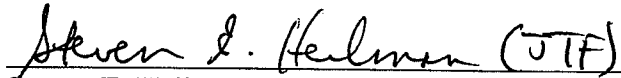
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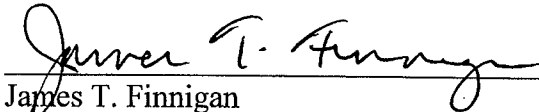
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WHEREFORE, Algonquin respectfully requests that the Department grant this petition for limited participant status.

Respectfully submitted,

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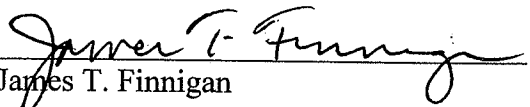
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 25th day of July, 2005 I served the foregoing document upon counsel for NSTAR Gas Company in accordance with the requirements of the Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure.


James T. Finnigan